

# Taylor Hardin Times

## ADVOCATE'S CORNER

This month I am focusing on the patient right to privacy/confidentiality. Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility has the responsibility of conducting patient treatment in a respectful manner by maintaining patient privacy. All information relevant to patient treatment is to remain confidential.

Taylor Hardin staff are provided with instruction when it comes to this patient right. Patients should not be discussed outside the hospital. Staff should also never discuss the matters of one patient with any other patient or family

members of other patients. A good rule of thumb is to always consider who is around before discussing issues involving patients. We must always remember that what we say could portray a negative image on the patient being discussed or on

the facility itself. Taylor Hardin encourages family involvement with patient treatment as long as this is therapeutically beneficial to a patient. However, Taylor Hardin must obtain patient permission before having a conversations with family members about treatment. If the patient chooses to not consent to family involvement in treatment, the patient has the right for these wishes to be honored by the facility.

Brandon Heath, Facility Advocate

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Hanukkah:  
December 10-18

Winter Starts:  
December 21

Christmas Day:  
December 25  
(State Holiday:  
Offices Closed)

Kwanzaa Starts:  
December 26



## Updated Visitation Guidelines

- Visitation will be by appointment only. Some visits will need to be scheduled individually. Please contact your loved one's assigned social worker to schedule visitation.
- All visitors must be 18 years of age or older.
- Visitation hours will be on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.
- Visitation sessions will be limited to a 30-minute time slot per patient. In effort for all family members to have adequate time with their loved ones, adherence to this will be strictly enforced. Therefore, it is strongly encouraged that visitors be on time.
- All visitors will be provided an approved mask before being granted admission into the hospital.
- Visitors will be screened to include going through a security screening checkpoint to monitor current temperature.
- Visitation will be limited to only one visitor at a time for each patient. Only the visitor immediately meeting with the patient will be admitted into the facility. Remaining persons/family members who wish to visit later must wait in their vehicle until it is their turn time to visit.
- Pictured identification will be required however no personal items will be allowed.
- No outside items will be permitted to include food (including vending machine items), drink or gifts/packages.
- Once granted entrance into the hospital, all visitors will be required to sanitize their hands prior to being escorted to the visitation area.
- Social distancing will be encouraged to include no physical contact.
- Masks must be kept on at all times by both the patient and the visitor.

## Sending Mail?

If mailing a letter to your family member at THSMF, please include your family member's name in the address. Please remember, no packages are allowed.



## Questions?

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